THE CHANGES WERE VERY FEW

Appropriation Bill Passed by the Senate Yesterday.

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

It Will Remain at Richmond and will Be Kept Up By Fees From Fertilizers—Proposed Emblem Ballot Law—Veto of Notary Bill.

The Senate has passed the appropriation bill. It was adopted with but few changes.

A fight was made to abolish the Department of Agriculture and to have the fertilizers analyzed at Blacksburg, but it failed. The Department is to be kept up on fees from the inspection of fertilizers.

Senator St. Clair introduced a bill to amend the election law so as to have party emblems printed on the tickets.

Governor Tyler sent to the House his veto of the female notary bill.

The Senate and House each held two session and much work was done.

Proceedings of the Senate.

Soon after the Senate met the chair was vacated for five minutes, on motion of Mr. Mushbach, in order that the senators might have the opportunity of meeting the delegation from the Maryland Legislature, who are here in reference to the boundary line question.

A bill (No. 529) was offered by Mr. Opie to prohibit changes in books, other than histories of the United States, which may be adopted and used in public schools, after adoption for a period of not less than four years.

Another important measure (No. 530) was one introduced by Mr. Lowry to authorize the Governor to grant a conditional pardon to persons confined in the penitentiary upon recommendation of the Board of Directors of said institution.

REGISTER OF LAND OFFICE.

The Committee on Finance and Banks reported the following bill:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the present office of the Register of the Land Office be, and the same is hereby, abolished, and all the powers and duties now exercised and performed by the Register of the Land Office shall hereafter be exercised and performed by the secretary of the Commonwealth.

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

THE EMBLEM BALLOT.

Mr. St. Clair offered a bill making an important change in the election law, approved March 6, 1894. His act is designed to amend section 4 so that it shall read as follows.

The ballot used shall be a white paper ticket, containing the names of persons who have complied with the provisions of this act as herein prescribed and the title of the office printed or written as hereinafter provided. Each ballot shall have as many separate parallel columns of equal width, of two and one-half inches, as there are political parties participating in the election, each party shall head one of these columns with an emblem selected by its county chairman and immediately under the emblem shall appear the name of the party which has selected the emblem. Then shall follow the various offices to be filled and under the office the name of the party nominee.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The appropriation bill came up as the special order at 12:30 o'clock and on motion of Mr. Fairfax, speeches were limited to fifteen minutes.

Mr. Wickham offered the following which was agreed to: Strike out section 6 and insert—

This act shall be in force from its passage except so far as it relates to salaries of officers and employees of Government as to which it shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1898 until which date the said salaries shall be as stated in the act of March 3, 1896, appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of September 1898.

Mr. Withers offered an amendment making an appropriation of $720 a year for the policeman at the State Library building, which office was abolished by the bill. He said he could not sit silently by and see the only Confederate veteran on the capitol police force, and he a one-armed man (Captain Rosser) legislated out of office. The amendment was adopted.

An amendment offered by Mr. Opie appropriating $2,500 to pay the insurance policies on the buildings of the Western State Hospital was agreed to.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Barksdale proposed an amendment striking out the appropriation for the Agricultural Department, stating that he intended to press the bill abolishing the department. He thought this latter measure ought to be disposed of before this feature of the appropriation bill should be voted on.

Mr. Barksdale amendment was temporarily passed by.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Fairfax providing $400 to pay counsel for Virginia in the case of McCullough vs. the Commonwealth was adopted.

Mr. Sands offered an amendment appropriating $62 to pay the balance due for retracing and rebinding books in the office of Register of the Land Office. It was agreed to.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Turnbull cutting down the appropriation to the Western State Hospital from $90,000 to $85,000 and advocated its adoption in earnest speech. He thought there should be more economy exercised at this and some of the other hospitals.

Mr. Opie defended the report of the committee and urged the Senate not to make the cut.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of ayes, 8; noes, 15.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Claytor reducing the salary of Attorney-General from $2,500 to $2,250. He said the Auditor had been reduced and he thought there should be a reduction in this case.

Mr. Wickham explained that the Attorney-General was elective by the people and was the only elective officer whose salary could be touched. The salary was small and this officer had to go to the expense of canvassing the State. Not only this, but it was to the interest of Virginia to have an able lawyer, as she now has, in this office. The Attorney-General had to reside in Richmond and was paid less than the judges.

Mr. Claytor replied that the Attorney-General gave about two-thirds of his time to private law practice.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Kane proposed an amendment looking to saving the Register of the Land Office by making an appropriation to that office. He appealed to the Senate not to abolish the only basement office the Southwest has had in many years. He said Col. Richardson during his term of office had saved the State $800 during his short term of office. Mr. Kane's resolution proposed that the Register be paid $1,200 per year.

Mr. Wickham explained that the committee in preparing the bill had knowledge of the fact that the House had voted to abolish the office and that a special committee of the Senate had recommended the abolition of this office.

The amendment was defeated.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

At this point in the proceedings on motion of Mr. Barksdale, the further consideration of the special order was postponed for fifteen minutes and the bill abolishing the State Board of Agriculture and transferring the work of the department to the College at Blacksburg, was taken up.

Mr. Flood offered a substitute to this act, which provided that the Agricultural Department be kept up and supported on the fees from the inspection of fertilizers and that no appropriation out of the State Treasury be made for this purpose.

Mr. Barksdale spoke in favor of the committee's bill, arguing that the work could be more cheaply and as well done at Blacksburg. He claimed that the department, as now conducted, was not approved by the farmers, and the department was of no benefit to the agricultural people.

Mr. Flood made a forceful speech in favor of his substitute. He believed the department would do the people more good in Richmond than in Blacksburg for the reason that this city was more convenient to the fertilizer manufacturers and the bulk of the farmers who used fertilizers than Blacksburg. The department had done great good to the people of Virginia, and he would like to see the usual appropriation kept up but he realized that the condition of the treasury was such this could not be done. He paid a tribute to Col. Whitehead, the present Commissioner of Agriculture, and reminded the Senate that it would be a dangerous thing, politically, to strike down the only department ever formed in the interest of the farmers.

Mr. Le Cato, speaking for the largest trucking section in Virginia, said his people appreciated the good work of this department, and wanted it continued. The inspection of fertilizers saved his people at least $4,000 annually. He called attention to the fact that nine-tenths of the fertilizers were used east of the Blue Ridge.

The Flood substitute was advocated by Mr. Boykin. The farmers of his section did not favor any change in the department, but they wanted the substitute bill passed, if the department could not be conducted as heretofore.

tion of the committee.

Mr. Barksdale said he believed the farmers could be better served by transferring the analytical work of the department to Blacksburg. His plan would save the State $1,700 per year. There were men better qualified at Blacksburg to make the analysis of fertilizers than in the department at Richmond.

The substitute was adopted by a vote of 17 to 11, and the bill was ordered to its engrossment and passed under a suspension of the rules.

The Afternoon Session.

When the chair was resumed several local bills were considered and ordered to engrossment.

At 4:15 the consideration of the special order was taken up, and debate on the appropriation bill was resumed.

Mr. Turnbull offered an amendment to cut down the appropriation to the Eastern State Hospital from $88,500 to $80,000.

Mr. Foster said he had never seen a more thorough administration of the State's affairs than that of the Williamsburg asylum. He gave instances in which the officials were doing other work than that expected of them, and said that the money appropriated was expended in the most economical manner.

Mr. Turnbull said he had the same objection to make to the administration at Williamsburg, which he had to make to that at all other State hospitals, it cost too much to officer them.

Mr. Wickham defended the bill, as did Mr. Foster and Mr. Barnes, the latter speaking at some length.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 21 to 7.

Mr. Withers offered an amendment, reducing the appropriation to the Southwestern Hospital from $49,000 to $44,000.

Mr. Claytor said he thought it was admitted that a dollar of the State's money went further at Marion than at any other institution in the State.

Mr. Wickham said he did not approve of these invidious comparisons, but was convinced that a dollar was made to go further at the Petersburg hospital than at any other.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Tate offered an amendment, which was adopted, making the salary of the clerk in the Land Office Department of the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, $1,300.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA.

Mr. Barksdale offered an amendment, striking out the appropriation of $4,000 to the Medical College of Virginia.

Mr. Boykin strongly opposed the amendment. He made an eloquent allusion to what this institution had done during the civil war in educating surgeons for the field, and in caring for wounded.

Mr. Barksdale defended the amendment, saying the State already had one medical institution, and he saw no reason why it should maintain two. He bitterly inveighed against the spirit which he said had been displayed by the institutions of the State, which, though objects of the State's beneficence, stood here shoulder to shoulder demanding that the sums which they had been receiving be not reduced. He said the time would come, were there not less of this spirit manifested, when these would be greatly cut down.

Mr. Opie commended the work which the college had done, and said he hoped the amendment would not prevail.

Mr. Sands followed Mr. Opie, saying the Senator from Richmond being absent on account of business, he desired to enter a plea for the college. He made an eloquent little speech against the amendment.

It was rejected.

Mr. Barksdale offered an amendment to further reduce the Virginia Military Institute appropriation by making the sum $25,000, instead of $30,000. He said he was an alumnus of the Institute, but thought it could get along with less money.

Mr. Fairfax said there was need of a new heating apparatus at the Virginia Military Institute, which would consume $5,000. He thought the institution could not get along with less.

Mr. Letcher corroborated all Mr. Fairfax had said, and Mr. Opie also opposed the amendment.

It was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Lowry $3,000 was appropriated for the purpose of printing the reports of the Court of Appeals, instead of $1,500, which was a clerical error.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Barksdale offered an amendment reducing the appropriation to the University from $47,500 to $40,000.

Mr. Morris spoke briefly, it being evident that a speech was not needed.

The amendment was rejected by a vote almost unanimous.

Mr. Flood offered a resolution striking out the appropriation of $11,500 to the Bureau of Agriculture. It was adopted without objection.

Mr. Withers offered an amendment reducing the appropriation to William and Mary to $7,500 instead of $15,000.

Speaking to the motion Mr. Withers said he was convinced, as were all the members of the special committee, which had investigated the subject, that the work done by the institution could be rendered by the University of Virginia.

Mr. Foster opposed the resolution, as did Mr. Wickham.

Mr. Turnbull, in perhaps the most earnest speech of the day, advocated the reduction, saying he thought the State was running mad in the direction of so-called higher education. The great thing was to give men an object in life. The education at William and Mary did not give them such. He was exceedingly happy in his remarks, and excited laughter and applause.

Mr. Southall strongly opposed the amendment, going into the detail of the work done there, at length.

Mr. Foster also opposed the reduction, as did Mr. Clement, who said he would prefer rather to increase the appropriation.

The amendment was rejected.

CLERK OF THE SENATE.

Mr. Clayton offered to amend the bill by making the salary of the clerk of the Senate $900, instead of $1,400 per year. He said he recognized that the present clerk was a most efficient officer, but his salary was too great.

Mr. Wickham defended the bill, saying the duties of the clerk were most onerous, and responsible, and he did not think he received a salary too great.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Flood offered an amendment increasing the appropriation for clerk hire in the treasurer's office from $4,500 to $5,000. The amendment was adopted.

No further amendments were offered and the bill was about to be ordered to its engrossment, when Mr. Mushbach, who had just entered, said he had been engaged with the boundary line commission from the Maryland Legislature and could not be present. He therefore, hoped the bill would not be ordered to its engrossment until he had had time to offer an amendment increasing the appropriation to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute. He wanted the bill passed by until to-day.

In spite of his request the bill was ordered to its engrossment and under suspension of the rules, was passed. The following is the vote on the bill:

Ayes—Messrs. Barksdale, Barnes, Boykin, Clement, Fairfax, Flanagan, Flood, Foster, Hartley, Jackson, Kane, Le Cato, Letcher, Lowry, Maynard, McIlwaine, Morris, Opie, Parr, Sands, Southall, St. Clair, Tate, Turnbull, Wallace, Wickham, and Withers—27.

Noes—Messrs. Claytor and Mushbach—2.

OTHER BILLS.

Before the vote was announced Messrs. Barksdale, Turnbull and Wallace changed their votes to aye, but the others held out.

Several local bills were placed on the calendar and then Mr. Letcher introduced a bill providing for a constitutional amendment requiring an educational qualification for voting. He asked that the bill be placed on the calendar but Mr. Wickham objected vigorously and it went to the Elections Committee.

The bill provides that only citizens of the State who can read and write in the English language, and only citizens legally registered as voters on the first day of January, 1900, shall continue to exercise the privilege of voting, unless otherwise disqualified.

Mr. Mushbach then offered his resignation as chairman of the Maryland Boundary Line Commission but on motion of Mr. Boykin it was passed by until to-day.

ONE OF YOUR WANTS.

In Considering Your Needs Do Not Forget This.

If You Do You Will Make a Serious Mistake at This Season.

Something of Deep and Peculiar Interest Just Now.

There are many needs during the spring months, but none more necessary or urgent than the use of a spring medicine. The blood requires it, and the nerves, liver, kidneys, and bowels must have it if you desire to keep strong and vigorous, and maintain your good health. Those who are weak, tired and nervous must take it, and those who do not feel just right should do so or serious ill health may follow.

Mrs. Charlie Martin, No. Calais, Vt., says: "About a year and a half ago I found myself completely run down. I would frequently be attacked with blind spells, and while the blind spells were on me, I would become quite numb. The first time I was attacked we lived in Nashua, and I had two spells in one night. These lasted me a short time each. My body prickled like a hand or foot asleep, and my hands would be as white as death and my feet were very cold. The nerves at my left hand were nearly paralyzed and at times I could not take up anything with that hand.

A friend recommended Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and gave me some to try, which I took, and found it did me so much good that I immediately procured three bottles of Nervura and took it. The result was that I was entirely cured of those bad spells and they have not returned. Oh, if I had only known of Dr. Greene's Nervura two years ago, it would have saved me lots of suffering and a lot of money. I will cheerfully answer any inquiries about my case and request the publication of this letter for the good of others."

It is impossible to express the good which this wonderful medicine is doing for suffering humanity.

Dr. Greene, 35 west Fourteenth street, New York city, can be consulted free, personally or by letter.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

A Session Without Any General Interest—Many Bills Passed.

Rev. Thomas W. Campbell, D. D., presiding elder of the Petersburg circuit of the Methodist church offered prayer after the House of Delegates had been called to order by Speaker Ryan.

Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, offered a resolution providing for afternoon sessions during the present week with the exception of Saturday. The resolution was agreed to.

When House bill No. 576 came up, which provides for the granting and ceding to the Colonial Water Company ten acres of land lying under the waters of the York river in Gloucester county, Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, moved to pass the bill by and that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to ascertain the value of the mineral springs that have been discovered on that property. The resolution was agreed to.

At 1:20 o'clock the Chair was vacated for five minutes on motion of Dr. Charles Smith, of Northampton, in order to welcome the members of the Legislature of Maryland, who are here to confer with a committee of the Virginia Legislature on the boundary question.

Mr. Ben P. Owen, the private secretary of Governor Tyler, presented to the House a message from the chief executive disapproving House bill No. 287, providing for the appointment of female notaries.

Speaker Ryan appointed Messrs. Cook, of Norfolk, Maupin, of Henrico, and Duke, of Albemarle, members of the special committee under the Saunders resolution.

DELINQUENT INSPECTORS.

The Speaker also appointed the following committee to ascertain what oyster inspectors are delinquent in their reports: Messrs. George C. Bland, of King and Queen, Anderson, of this city, Hicks, of Roanoke, Jordan, of Frederick, and Wallace, of this city.

When House bill No. 219 came up as special order, which provides that distillers of apple brandy, who destill less than forty gallons, shall pay a tax of ten dollars, Mr. Garrett, of Henry, offered an amendment, under which this tax shall be fixed at five dollars. The amendment was agreed to and the bill was then ordered to its engrossment and third reading.

When Senate bill No. 110 came up, which exempts the charitable institutions that are to receive legacies under the will of the late Major Ginter from the payment of the collateral inheritance tax, Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, opposed the measure. He said the bill practically meant nothing else than an appropriation of $6,000 of the State's money to these various institutions.

Messrs. Anderson and Reddy, of this city, spoke in favor of the measure and the bill was finally passed by a vote of 73 to 5. Messrs. Cooke, of Norfolk, Featherston, of Campbell, Hale, of Grayson, Ligon, of Appomattox, and Parks, of Page voting in the negative.

The Chair was vacated at 2:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The entire afternoon session was occupied with local bills to which there was no objection raised.

Mr. Reddy moved to take up out of its regular order House bill No. 767, the Senatorial primary bill, in order to make it run, thought it would be best, in order to a special order. Mr. Saunders, of Franksave time., to pass the bill by until the Senate had disposed of the same measure, which had been under discussion for several days. If the Senate rejected this bill by an overwhelming majority, as would likely be the case, then it would be useless to spend any time of the House in the discussion of the measure.

The House declined to take up the bill, only about half a dozen voting for Mr. Reddy's motion.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs, of Gloucester, the eighty-five pension bills were made a special order for to-day at 12:30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Mann, of Nottoway, House bills No. 562, 563 and 564, in regard to transferring the executions to the penitentiary, were made a special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Owen, of Manchester, offered an amendment to Senate bill 412 authorizing the consolidation of the Richmond and Petersburg and the Petersburg railroads, making the property of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad taxable by the cities and counties. The road is now exempt from all taxation and has been so exempt since its organization.

Mr. Owen spoke at some length on the subject and in his remarks said that the amendment was a fair and just one, that the road having been so long exempt from taxation ought now to contribute as other roads do to both State and local taxation, when they ask new powers at the hands of the General Assembly.

He called attention to the prosperous condition of this particular road as a feeder to the trunk lines of the Norfolk and Western and Seaboard Air Line, as well as one of the most profitable intagers in proportion to mileage of the Coast Line system.

He called attention to the argument made that this would be an entering wedge to securing local taxation when future legislation was needed, that they had not applied for legislation of consequence for two generations and that his people were not disposed to wait for two generations to get the benefit.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, the bill was finally made a special order for to-day at 1 o'clock.

PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.

The following bills were introduced and under suspension of the rules placed on the calendar:

No. 85, by Mr. Turpin, of Bedford—To amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the collection of fees of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

No. 828, by Mr. Powell, of Newport News—To incorporate the Newport News Dry Dock Beneficial Association of Newport News, Va.

No. 829, by Mr. Montague, of Elizabeth City—To authorize the appointment of trustees for the Spaller Academy of Hampton, Va.

No. 840, by Mr. Saunders, of Franklin—To direct the county superintendents of schools in the counties to transmit annually to the boards of district school trustees approximate statements of the amount of fund to be expended by said board.

No. 841, by Mr. Walker, of Northumberland—To permit J. B. Hinton and R. F. Rock to erect a wharf on Mill creek in the Yeocomico river in the county of Northumberland.

No. 842, by Mr. Withrow, of Bath—To incorporate the Virginia Oyster Company.

No. 843, by Mr. Minter, of Bedford—To provide for classification of and working of roads in Bedford county.

No. 844, by Mr. Pilcher, of Fauquier—To amend and re-enact section 730 of the Code, directing clerks of courts to return lists of fines to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

The following bills were introduced and referred to the proper committees:

By Mr. Barley, of Alexandria—For the relief of Thomas M. Fairfax.

By Mr. Sayers, of Wythe—To allow the County Court of Wythe county to correct erroneous assessments of the lands of J. G. Sanders from the years 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893.

By Mr. Wallace, of this city—In regard to certain oyster bottoms in Crane's creek, Northumberland county.

By Mr. W. H. Mann, of Petersburg—To amend section 823 of the Code, in relation to the appointment of notaries.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to amend the Code in relation to the trial of an issue out of Chancery. The measure provides that any court, in which a chancery case is pending, may direct an issue to be tried in such court, or in any Circuit or Corporation Court, and the court shall have the discretion to direct such an issue to be tried before any proof has been taken of either the plaintiff or defendant if it shall be shown by affidavit or affidavits, after reasonable notice, that the case will be rendered doubtful by the conflicting evidence of the opposing party.

AMENDING THE ELECTION LAWS.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Washington county, introduced a bill to amend the election law approved March 6, 1894, as to section 18. The amendment makes it unlawful for persons to congregate upon the public highway within one hundred feet of a voting place, and also puts a penalty upon any member of the Electoral Board or printer who shall give any information, copy or fac simile of the official ballot. It requires that the official ballot shall be pasted at such voting place where it may be examined by voters before preparing their ballots, and that also it shall be unlawful for such ballots pasted to be in any way defaced.

Mr. C. H. Walker, of Northumberland, introduced a bill providing that every person who shall keep a livery stable in the country and in towns of less than two thousand inhabitants, shall pay the sum of fifteen dollars; and in towns of two thousand inhabitants and over, he shall yap twenty-five dollars and an additional tax of fifty cents for each stall therein.

Mr. J. W. Williams, of Giles, introduced a bill to expedite the business of the courts of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Churchman, of Augusta—For the relief of N. T. Humphrey, a disabled Confederate soldier.

By same—To regulate the sale of cider in the town of Waynesboro.

By Mr. Passmore, of Luenburg—For the relief of J. A. Green.

By Mr. Hale, of Grayson—To amend and re-enact section 1 of an act to provide for the payment of debts due by commission mercants, approved February 27, 1894.

By Mr. Winborne, of Rockbridge—To permit J. W. Goodloe to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Virginia.

By Mr. Reddy, of this city, to amend and re-enact Section 2469 of the Code, relating to suits to avoid certain conveyances.

By Mr. Snead, of Princess Anne, to amend and re-enact Section 730 of the Code, in relation to duties of clerks of court, as to returning to Auditor list of fines.

By Mr. G. C. Bland, of King and Queen: To amend and re-enact Section 2462 of the Code, in regard to reservation of title to goods and chattels sold upon condition.

By Mr. James Mann, of Nottoway: To increase the pension of J. B. Dunnavant.

BILLS DISMISSED.

No. 124.—Senate bill to amend and re-enact Section 4107 of the Code of Virginia, in reference to appeals in misdemeanor cases from judgments of justices.

No. 172.—Senate bill to amend and re-enact Section 1220 of the Code, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact Section 1220 of the Code of Virginia, which provides a penalty upon any corporation, company, association, or any agent or employe of either, or any other persons, for violating Sections 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218 and 1219 of the Code of Virginia, or any of them, approved December 21, 1897.

No. 263.—House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact Section 1220 of the Code of Virginia, which provides a penalty upon any corporation, company, association, or any agent or employe of either, or any other person for violating Sections 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218 and 1219 of the Code of Virginia, or any of them, approved December 20, 1897.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

The following Senate bills were passed:

In relation to redemption of deliquent lands, approved February 28, 1890.

For the relief of charitable institutions named in the will of the late Lewis Ginter.

To relieve certain legatees and devisees of Miss Mary J. Baldwin, of Staunton, from the operation of the act approved February 14, 1896, imposing a tax on collateral inheritance, etc.

Providing that the lot of land belonging to the county of Henrico, located on the southwest corner of Twenty-second and Main streets, shall be declared to be a part of Henrico county with power in the courts of said county to hold their sessions and transact their business at said place.

Relating to warrants for small claims.

To prevent the unlawful use of telephone lines and instruments, and to protect them from injury, and prescribe a penalty therefor.

In relation to fieri facias on judgment for money, what writs may not issue, and when writ of distringas may issue.

In relation to the terms of the corporation courts, and at what terms civil and criminal cases shall be tried therein.

In relation to indemnifying bonds to officers, their penalties and conditions.

Relating to the pay of judge of one circuit sitting in another to hold special term.

To constitute one quarantine district of the Elizabeth river and its branches, and to create a board of quarantine commissioners and a quarantine medical officer for said district, extending the powers of said commissioners and officer to land.

To provide a charter for the Consolidated Railway and Electric Power Company of Roanoke.

To provide for the working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of Essex county.

To incorporate the Petersburg and Claremont Terminal Railway and Improvement Company, and to define its powers.

To incorporate the Richmond, Petersburg and Southside Telephone and Telegraph Company.

To allow William F. Ward and C. C. Ward to construct a vessel railway in Urbanna creek in Middlesex county.

To authorize John H. Alexander, Chas. F. Berkley, George W. Rupp, Jasper C. Dawson, and George W. Grimes, trustees for Loudoun Lodge No. 26, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, at Leesburg, Va., to sell and convey, under the instructions of said lodge, and in accordance with its laws, a certain lot of land belonging to said lodge in the town of Leesburg, Va.

To amend the charter of the town of Big Stone Gap, and to legalize certain acts of the town council, approved February 28, 1896.

To authorize the school trustees of Clintwood town school district to contract with a teacher for a term of years.

To provide a new charter for the town of Clintwood, in Dickenson county, as amended by an act approved February 29, 1896.

To provide a new charter for the town of Clintwood, in Dickenson county.

To authorize the town of Big Stone Gap to receive and disburse road taxes and to provide for a settlement with the Richmond magisterial district, in Wise county.

To fix and regulate the time for holding elections or taking a vote to ascertain the sense of the qualified voters of a county or counties out of which a new county is sought to be created and established.

To regulate the killing, capturing, hunting, buying, selling, or offering for sale any partridges (or quail) in the counties of Cumberland and Powhatan.

For the protection of game in Charlotte county.

Relating to what number of offences may be charged in prosecution for embezzlement, if committed within six months; what description of money sufficient in prosecution for embezzlement, what for larceny.

To amend and re-enact Section 55 of the charter of the town of Basic City.

Determining the respective interests of the county and corporation of Alexandria in the half square of ground in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, bounded by Columbus, Queen and Princess streets, upon which stands the court-house, and the half square of ground in said city, bounded by St. Asaph, Princess and Pitt streets, upon which stands the all, and authorizing the partition of the said properties between the county and corporation of Alexandria, and of the sale of the court-house property.

In relation to the limitation of proceedings to enforce deeds of trust, mortgages and vendors' lien.

To authorize a minor over fourteen years nominating in writing his guardian, to acknowledge the same before any person competent to take acknowledgment of deeds.

To authorize the Maysville magisterial district and other magisterial districts of Buckingham county to vote a subscription toward the construction and extension of the Buckingham branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway to Buckingham Courthouse.

In relation to how a chancery cause submitted for decision in vacation; how the decree certified and entered; its effect; approved January 28, 1896, so as to permit the court, when not advised of its judgment, without consent of parties, to direct a chancery cause to be submitted for decision and decree in vacation, and also to direct decrees and orders, acted upon in term, to be entered in vacation.

To incorporate the Clarksville Toll-Bridge Company.

To relieve the Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company from any forfeiture which may have accrued from failure to commence and complete its railway within the tie limited in its act of incorporaton and subsequent Acts of Assembly amending the same, and to extend the time within which the said company may commence and complete its railway in this State.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

The following House bills were passed:

To provide for the proper description of debts secured by deed of trust or mortgage, Monday, 21st.

To impose a tax on collateral inheritances, an regulate the collection of some, approved February 14, 1896, so far as the same relates to the property used exclusively for State, municipal, benevolent, charitable, educational and religious purposes.

For the relief of Martha Williams, of Hanover county.

For the relief of Matilda Sutherland, of the county of Franklin.

To incorporate the Atlantic and Western Railroad Company.

Relating to negotiable instruments (being an act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other States on that subject).

To incorporate the Accomac Tribe, No. 99, Improved Order of Red Men.

For the relief of James H. Dickerson, a guard at the penitentiary, for release of fine and payment of expenses incurred in search for convict.

For the relief of Colonel August Forsburg.

To incorporate the General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia.

For the protection of game in the county of Roanoke, approved February 9, 1894, also Chapter 847, Acts of 1895-96, approved March 5, 1896, or so much thereof as refers to the killing of deer in the county of Roanoke.

To authorize the Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Bristol, to collect taxes due by the Bristol Land Company.

To incorporate the Deep Run Railway and Electric Company.

Defining a lawful fence for county of Accomac.

To amend and re-enact Section 12 of an act to incorporate the Metropolitan Western Railroad of Virginia, approved February 4, 1890, as amended, etc.

To provide that the district boards of school trustees in the counties, shall not contract to expend in any one year, an amount in excess of the approximate amount certified to them by the county superintendent.

AFTER THE COUNTY COURTS.

Mr. Williams, of Giles, introduced the following:

Whereas there is much complaint that many of the judges of this Commonwealth are derelict in their duty in promptly convening their courts, continuing to proceed with the business of the same, that without sufficient cause continuances are granted, the business of the courts delayed and postponed from time to time, whereby the people having business in said courts and the witnesses and jurors summoned are unnecessarily detained and caused to come back and forth much to their inconvenience and loss of time and cost to the State and counties, of the witnesses and jurors so summoned, therefore be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that it shall be the duty of the several judges of the several courts of the Commonwealth to dispatch the business of their several courts with promptness and the least possible delay or continuance, compatible with the interest of the Commonwealth and justice to litigants and any infraction of this rule will be deemed sufficient cause for removal from office by the succeeding Legislature upon satisfactory proof of same being presented and established.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

The bill was referred.

Reported Favorably.

House Committee on Propositions and Grievanes held another session yesterday morning in room No. 5, on the upper floor of the Capitol building, with Cap. Parks, of Page, in the chair. The subject under consideration was the bill introduced by Mr. Reddy, giving telegraph and telephone companies the right of condemnation on the right of way of railroad companies.

The bill was opposed by Major E. T. D. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company; by Mr. W. A. Glasgow, counsel of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, and Major Robert Stiles, representing the Western Union Telegraph Company. All three gentlemen took the ground that the provisions of the bill would do incalculable damage to the railroad company.

Col. McIntosh, the southern representative of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, closed the argument in advocacy of the bill.

The committee then went into executive session and decided to report the bill favorably.

Sugar Refining Company.

The House Committee on Asylums and Prisons met yesterday morning in room No. 1 on the upper floor of the Capitol building, with Dr. Winston, of Hanover, in the chair.

Senator Flood appeared before the committee advocating the passage of the bill incorporating the Virginia Sugar Refining Company, while Mr. Miles H. Martin and Mr. E. A. Catlin opposed the measure. The matter was finally passed by until to-day, when it will again be taken up at 9 A. M.

The Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns reported against forming a new county out of Scott, Russell, and Washington yesterday.

Mr Jennings, the patron of the bill, by request, appeared for the bill, but the members from Scott, Russell, and the senators were all against it. The new county was to have been called Jackson.

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NEWS FROM HENRICO.

Bailey, the Lunatic, Still in the County Jail.

Georgie Johnson, the negro nurse who was arrested by Special Policeman Meyer Angle in Henrico county last week on the charge of administering poison to the infant of Mrs. Martha Goldsmith, had a hearing yesterday morning before 'Squire H. E. Lewis. The evidence was strong against the woman and she was sent on to the grand jury. Dr. Reams, who attends the baby says the little one will get well, but will probably suffer a throat affection as a result of the woman's act. 'Squire Lewis offered to bail the prisoner in the sum of five hundred dollars, but she could not give it, and went to jail.

A commission of lunacy consisting of 'Squires Larus, Thomas and Lewis examined William Bolling, a negro, yesterday and adjudged him insane. The negro lives in New Town and is just a simple lunatic.

J. C. Bailey is still in jail, nothing having been heard from Williamsburg. The farmer who created so much excitement just a week ago, is now as mild and meek as an infant.

'Squire James Lewis examined the case against John Jackson, a negro, charged with beating Julia Ann Jones, and fined John $10 and costs. He is now in jail.

In the County Court, George Epps, a negro, charged with malicious assault was up for trial. His attorney, Mr. L. O. Wendenburg, entered a demurrer and it was sustained, and the case went over until next term.

Horse Thief Captured.

Chief of Detectives Tomlinson, after a splendid exhibition of shrewd detective work, caught a young horse thief yesterday.

Mr. N. C. Cauthorn, who conducts a sale and exchange stable at No. 1326 Franklin street, reported the loss of a horse to the police and the detective took the case. He followed a thin clue, and then struck the main line, tracing the thief and horse in the direction of Ashland. Sergeant Tomlinson wired Sergeant T. B. Elliett, of Ashland, a description of the horse and requested him to arrest whoever had it.

The officer went to work, and soon found a seventeen-year-old boy giving his name as Leroy Seroupt with the horse. The boy was just about to sell the animal to Clinton Winston. Sergeant Elliett arrested the boy and locked him up. Leroy said he left Richmond at 5 o'clock yesterday and reached Ashland at nine o'clock. He said he came to Richmond from Pennsylvania two weeks ago.

At 12:30 o'clock Detective Tomlinson, who was following his clue, accompanied by Mr. Cauthorn reached Ashland, and the horse was identified, and the boy also, as a person who had been around the stable. Mr. Cauthorn left with his horse for Richmond, and Detective Tomlinson with his prisoner left Ashland on the 2 o'clock train, reaching Richmond at 2:28 o'clock, and with his prisoner rode to the Second Station, where the boy is locked up, to answer the charge.

A Delightful Concert.

A delightful concert will be given tonight by St. Patrick's Beneficial and Social Union. The following programme will be rendered:

Bohemian Club (mandolin and guitars)—Misses Maggie Leahy, Opal Earnest, Mayme Wharton, Annie Sullivan and Lillie Spillings.

No-Name Quartette—Messrs. Woodridge Mahoney, Lamsden and Bosleux.

Recitation—Mr. S. L. Kelly.

Soprano Solo—Miss Katie O'Neill.

Recitation—Mr. John M. Ryall.

Soprano Solo—Miss Mollie McCaffery.

East-End Quartet—Messrs. Warren Crowder, Charles Meades, John Bengel, George Acre.

Bohemian Club.

Conice Solo—Hon. W. F. Reddy.

Soprano Solo—Miss Annie Sullivan (with guitar accompaniment).

Solo—Mr. John M. Ryall.

Soprano Solo—Miss Bertha Anthony.

Piano Solo—Miss Mollie McCaffery.

East-End